



Welcome to.....

Outdoor Adventurers Home Education

Welcome to our unique outdoor setting on the beautiful Hinton Admiral Estate. We are sure your child's time with us will be enjoyable, challenging and inspiring. This leaflet will provide you with key information about our Home Ed - Outdoor Adventurers.

Further information is available to parents in The Outdoor Learning Company's Operational Plan and Health & Safety folder including all policies & procedures, risk assessments and supporting information. If you would like to request a copy please let Justin know.

Our Ethos

The Outdoor Learning Company will encourage and support individuals of any age to reach their full potential through inspiring outdoor experiences.

Opening Times

We are operating Monday to Friday 10.00-15.30. We operate 39 weeks of the year following the Hampshire academic calendar. Please let us know if you would like more days so we can put you on a waiting list.

Fees

Our Fees are currently £26 per session.

The First four weeks will be pay as you go. You have the right to leave at any point. If you have enjoyed the first four (we expect you will!) you will then be set up on a monthly payment plan. This will be worked out on the cost of the remaining sessions in the academic year divided by the number of months left in the academic year (sept-Aug). We ask that a standing order be set up for this amount on the 15th of every month.

If you choose to leave during the year (after the initial 4 weeks), we will require 6 weeks' notice period. We will then calculate the cost of the amount of sessions attended and compare to the amount paid to that date. We will invoice for any difference or refund depending on which is appropriate.

Our Team

Each session will be led by a practitioner who has completed or is currently completing the Level 3 Forest School Leaders training. All practitioners have relevant childcare qualifications and a wide range of experiences working with children and families.

Justin Hannam- As part of his role within the Outdoor Learning Company Justin is the co-ordinator of all sessions for the over 5's. To book on extra sessions, queries about payment then Justin is your man.

Britta Wells - Britta is the Supervisor for the home ed sessions at Hinton. Britta is a level 3 Forest School leader and a level 6 childcare practitioner. Britta has a huge passion for outdoor education and has been working in a leading role within all our age groups since starting with us. Britta will deal with the day to day running of the sessions.

Nikki Mallett - Nikki is excited about completing her level 3 forest school training in the next few months and in the past has also been a member of our pre-school team.

Lauren Simms – Lauren is also part of our Pre-School and holiday club team. Lauren is a qualified forest school leader.

Ruby Tarlton – Ruby has joined us from the preschool team and is very excited to be part of the home ed team. Ruby is a Level 3 Forest School Leader.

Tapestry our online Learning Journal

At the Outdoor Learning Company we use Tapestry for recording Childrens adventures. Although this is essentially a tool for the early years, we feel we can adapt this for our older children. We will be able to keep track of what the children are up to during their time with us. We can take photos and add comments that will be uploaded to their journals. As parents/carers you will receive an email every time an observation has been uploaded and you will be able to track their time with us. You may even want to upload your own observations on your child relating to forest school activities.

Please make sure you link into your child's tapestry journal, as it is also a quick method of passing on information regarding our sessions.

If you want any further info about Tapestry visit their website at <http://tapestry.info/index.html/>

Our Timetable

The day runs between 10.00-15.30.

This timetable below is an example of how the day may run, but may change according to the time of year, weather conditions and the children's engagement in their play and exploration.

Daily Timetable

Time	Activity
09.55-10.00	Registration
10.00-10.25	Children will move to the woodland. We will check in with the name game. This will also be a chance for any children to share anything they have found, experienced, seen etc since we last met.

10.25- 11.05	Activity 1.
11.05- 11.20	Snack- children will have a snack they have bought from home.
11.20- 11.35	Community Responsibilities. This may include- collecting fire wood, preparing fire, clearing in woodland, preparing resources etc.
11.30- 12.30	Activity 2 or Activity 1 continued
12.30- 13.00	Lunchtime
13.00- 13.15	Reflection on morning activities and discussion on plans for the afternoon.
13.15- 14.45	Free Play Forest School, children can explore the woodland and any enhancements that maybe on offer.
14.00- 14.30	Practical skills session- children come together for the chance to learn practical woodland skills. These may include tool work, knot work, tracking, identification extra, bug hunting, prep for cooking, den building. This is optional and children do not have to participate.
14.45- 15.15	Tidy and Community time- Children come together for an activity. This maybe games, cooking on the fire, storytelling etc.
15.15- 15.20	Reflection
15.30	Collection

Drop off & Pick Up

Drop off and pick up times are 10.00 and 15.30.

It will be important that you arrive before the specified drop off time. As we do not drop off directly at our woodland and are required to walk to our location.

We do understand that children will occasionally arrive late and this is not a problem. You can walk the children down to the woodland to join us. The child **MUST** be walked down to the woodland and handed over to us by an appropriate adult. Children **SHOULD NOT** walk down to the woodland by themselves. If you are aware you are going to be late in advance (for example you have an appointment), please let us know in advance, as we sometimes move around the estate to get to different areas such as the lake.

Clothing

It is vital that you provide appropriate outdoor clothing so your child can enjoy the great outdoors whatever the weather. There is no such thing as bad weather just bad clothing.

The key points to consider:

- Children should wear long sleeves and long trousers
this will protect against, the weather, brambles, trips and stumbles and Tics.
- 2 sets of spare clothing must be provided
This should include 2 x socks, 2 x pants, 2 x trousers, 2 x long sleeve tops, 2 x warm jumpers and a change of footwear.
- Waterproofs (trousers and coats) must be effective and provided all year.
We recommend Lidl waterproofs as they are cheap but extremely effective, these will go on sale during the second half of September. Please stay clear of any type of splash suit. These are not waterproof and do not keep a child dry after 20 minutes of rain.
- Welly boots are recommended all year. In cold weather please ensure your child is wearing warm socks, such as merino or ski socks.
- Hats, gloves and scarfs must be provided during the winter months
- We recommend the layering system to include a Base Layer, Mid Layer and Shell Layer. This gives more flexibility in adapting to the changes in weather.

Children who attend in clothing that is deemed inappropriate by our team may be sent home. If you wish to discuss clothing please contact Justin or Britta.

Toileting Policy

The Outdoor Adventurers' Education Initiative is based in a woodland that is off grid. We offer the use of a Pee tree or a camping loo. Hand washing facilities are provided.

Children will always be given the opportunity to go to toilet should we head off to another part of the woodland. Should a child need the loo whilst away from our main base then an appropriate pee tree will be designated for both boys and girls respectively.

Bell Tent and Barn

Although we are the Outdoor Learning Company and most of our activities will be outside, our 6-metre bell tent will offer a large, cosy learning environment should it be required. This will also have a wood burner inside to help keep us warm and refreshed during the winter months.

On the farm itself, we have use of a very large barn should we need to get out of the woodland. For example, during high winds and thunder and lightning. We also drop off and pick up from here.

Food & Drink

We ask that all children bring their own lunch, a snack and a drink. We ask respectfully that parents pack nut free lunches, we have a number of children with severe nut allergy's.

During their time with us, the children will have the opportunity to cook many different foods on our campfire. However, this does not happen every session so please do not rely on it to provide part of their snack etc.

Other things to bring along

We ask that the children bring a long a back pack. This is so if we go off site they can carry their own things. It is also easier to carry stuff from the farm to the woodland.

We ask that they bring a pencil case. In this we would ask they have the following

- pencils,
- a writing pen
- a pencil sharpener
- an eraser
- a ruler
- some colouring pencils

Although we have a large amount of art supplies, we feel it's important that the children demonstrate care over their belongings and give them some responsibility.

Sometimes children will want to bring in items from home. This is fine if it is relevant to what we are doing. For example, children may bring in bug pots. Anything brought in from home is solely the responsibility of the child.

Important Contact Details

ON THE DAY PHONE

If you need to contact Britta the session leader on the day please use this number- **07821000391**

The contact details below are for Justin who will oversee all aspects of The Outdoor Adventurers Home Education.

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The Outdoor Learning Company
Over 5's co-ordinator
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Where the sessions are held

Both Google Maps and What Three Words apps will take you to the entrance of the farm we are based.

What Three Words - **///divorcing.buzzing.area**

Google Maps- **50.769979, -1.697198**

East Close Farm,
A35,
Hinton,
BH23 7EF
Hampshire

The farm is on the A35 main road and is situated next to the East Close Hotel (on the same side of the road).

East Close Farm,

Note: using the postcode with a Sat Nav does not always take you directly to the site. Please read the instructions carefully to make finding us easier. The best option is to use What Three Words app or the google maps info above.

If coming from Lyndhurst the farm is on the left-hand side 75 meters after the East Close Hotel.

If coming from Christchurch we are 1.2 miles (1 minute) on the right-hand side past the Harvester pub on the A35 (Hinton/Walkford). If you reach the East Close hotel you have gone too far.